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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [redacted]
FROM : Deputy Chief, [redacted]
SUBJECT : Request For Information Concerning Edgerton
Herbert Norman

1. As a result of a request from Mrs. Jane Roman [redacted] individuals from the Security Office, Department of State were given a records briefing. Part of this briefing was given by [redacted]. As a result of this contact, Mr. Ray Laughton called the [redacted] on 29 November 1961 to inquire as to the correct channel through which he could avail himself of information contained in [redacted] referred Laughton to this office. The correct channel was explained to Laughton and the offer was made to accept the request in this office.

2. Edgerton Herbert Norman was given as the subject of the request with the following biographic information:

Former Canadian Ambassador to Egypt. Hung himself in Cairo. Attended both Harvard and Columbia. Subject of several Congressional Committee investigations.

Laughton stated that they (State) were "putting the case to bed" and that they wanted to make sure that nothing had been overlooked. When queried for details concerning the type of information he was interested in, Laughton stated that he had information to the effect that prior to his suicide, Norman had sought the aid of a psychiatrist and had told the psychiatrist that he was involved in some shady deals (or words to that effect) and that there were some Americans involved with him.

3. Laughton was told that a check would be made and that he would be recontacted.

4. Since it is anticipated that Laughton will be calling [redacted] again on this matter, [redacted] would appreciate knowing when you expect to answer Laughton's request for the search.

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